for Environment has made many valuable recommendations; if so, what are details in this regard; and

(b) what follow-up programmes are proposed in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) A statement is placed on the Table of the House [*See* Appendix CXLIII, Annexure No. 9]

Repatriation of Refugees encamping in India

262. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of refugees from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka who are awaiting repatriation to their respective countries of origin; and

(b) what steps have been taken during the past two years to ensure repatriation of these refugees and the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) The total number of Bangladeshi refugees from the Chittagong Hill Tracts, in refugee camps in Tripura as on July 13, was 47,336. A total of 1,32,322 Sri Lankan refugees were in India as on 30 June, 1987. The Government is unaware of any refugees having crossed over from Pakistan into India.

(b) Ever since this latest influx of Bangladeshi refugees into India began in April 1986, Government has been persistently trying to persuade the Government of Bangladesh to create conditions in the Chittagong Hill Tracts which would encourage refugees to return to their homes voluntarily. So far, however, no refugees have returned.

Government believes that the Sri Lankan refugees will return to their country only after a satisfactory solution to the ethnic problem in that country is found and peace and normalcy returns to the island. Government is continuing its efforts to facilitate a political solution to the ethnic problem by extending its good offices.

Visit of U.S. Defence Delegation to Pakistan

263. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent visit to Pakistan by a U.S. Defence delegation led by General George B. Crist, C-in-C, U.S. General Command;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware that the delegation not only took a close look at base facilities for US ships and aircraft but also ascertained ways in which Pakistan could be further integrated into regional security arrangements with the Gulf countries in "Central Area"; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have seen such reports.

(c) Government keep under constant review all developments which

have a bearing on the country's security.

Espionage Gangs unearthed in J & K

264. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of espionage gangs have been unearthed in Jammu & Kashmir region during the past three months;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to effectively prevent such activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Terrorists' activities in Delhi

265. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that terrorists have again become active in the Capital since June this year; and

(b) if so, what are the details of such incidents indicating the number of persons killed, the modus operandi adopted by the terrorists and the steps taken to apprehend the culprits and to contain terrorism?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Except the unfortunate incident of indiscriminate firing by terrorists at four places in South Delhi on 13th June, 1987, the activities of the terrorists in the Capital are under check. 14 persons were killed in this incident. The terrorists escaped in a hijacked car, which was later found abandoned in Safdarjang Enclave Area.

The Delhi Police has been able to identify the culprits. One of them has already been arrested by the Punjab Police.

In order to contain terrorism, the strength of the Police Control Room vehicles has been increased to 165 round the clock. 100 pickets armed with automatic weapons and Wireless Sets have been posted at strategic points.

Inquiry into the Collapse of a Godown in North Delhi

266. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a magisterial inquiry into the collapse of a rice godown in North Delhi killing ten persons in January last has been completed and a report submitted to Government; and

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the findings of the inquiry and what action has been taken/proposed to be taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the Delhi Administration, the salient features of the findings of the inquiry are that the structure was made of poor quality material and was unsound, unsafe and